ON VERDUN FRON

Positions, Is Berlin

Claim.

at night time, the statement said.

The text of the statement reads:

"Army Group of the German

Crown Prince-On the west bank

of the Meuse yesterday, on Hill

304 and on the south slope of Dead

Man Hill, portions of Infantry

Regiments Nos. 13 and 155 and of

Fusilier Regiment No. 37-all

gloriously known from their oper-

ations on the Somme-made ad-

"The detailed preparation by the

artillery and by the frequently

tested mine throwers, which

through their efficiency have be-

come indispensable weapons for

the infantry, opened the road to

the advancing detachments into

hostile positions, from which 222

prisoners, among whom were four

officers, together with seven ma-

chine gun fire, was reported in to-day's official statement.

A small number of Germans pene-trated to a French trench south of

for Admiralty.

second and third lines of the

vances into French positions.

toward their respective peoples and American channels. The reply is in consequence of the war.

The three Governments express the President Wilson will lead to a result the two sides went to war that is worthy of the generous spirit which was found desirable to extend the prompted this action.

A majority of the Scandinavian newspapers approve of a peace move by those countries, but a few have sharply criticised the move, alleging that it is useless in view of Germany's reply to President Wilson's note.

The Entente reply to the German note is now complete. It could go forward to-day except for the necessary formality of transmitting it to

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of the belligerent countries notes in all the allies before final delivery. which the Scandinavian Governments This means that the delivery will be made early in the middle of next

The delivery will be made at Paris. They declare they would consider after which the communication will themselves as failing in their duty be forwarded to Germany through te rard humanity as a whole if they much longer than the German notedid not express their most profound This point has been one of the matters sympathy with every effort which of discussion during the conferences, may contribute toward putting an the objection having been raised that end to the sufferings and losses, moral it is too long, and should be short and material, which are ever growing and sharp. But there were so many points for elucidation and such a complete difference of conception of hope that the initiative taken by the objects and purposes for which

> note to considerable length. The presence here of Alexandre Ribot, the French Finance Minister, permitted the French Ministry to be represented during

the conferences. Unusual optimism is shown here as a result of the final form which the reply has taken, which is believed to be such that it will meet with satisfaction at Washington. The reply to the American note will ollow within a few days after the deivery of the reply to Germany.

POPE MAKES DENIAL IN OFFICIAL PAPER OF MOVE FOR PEACE

ROME, Dec. 29 (via Paris).-The Osservatore Romano, the official organ of the Vatican, prints to-day an Fitting, Single and official denial of reports published Double - Breasted: abroad to the effect that the Papai Balmaroons and Nuncio at Vienna informed the Vi-Conservative enna press that the Austrian Emperor had requested him to ask Pope Benedict's intervention for peace and that the Pope had given a favorable

Derailed Passenger Cars Halt at

Edge of 300-Post Clift. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 29 .- J. assenger train from the Coal River branch of the Chesapeake & Obio jumped the track near Kayford, W. Va., above Cabin Creek. Quick action of prevented a catastrophe. More than hundred passengers were aboard. Sey coaches were left only a few feet from I Flight Up, the edge of the chiff.

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# **GERARD SENDING** MESSAGE TELLING

Wilson Wants Full Details With Which He Can Approach Entente Allies.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.-Although he is in possession of the general terms upon which the Central Powers wish to make peace, President Wilson is striving earnestly to secure additional details and essentials with which he can approach the Estente Allies again. Washington realizes that the movement for peace is rapidly reaching a citmax

Ambassador Gerard is understood to have informed this Government that Germany will leave no stone unturned to bring about a cessation of hostilities. In addition to his confidential message to the State Depart. ment, sent as an appendix to the official Berlin reply, it is understood that other important information is oming, or is now on the way.

If these details are secured shortly a special plea can be made to the Entente ailles not to close the door to peace in their forthcoming reply to the President's request for a statement as to their aims.

Count von Bernstorff knows the extent of the concessions the Central Powers will make, and he may be authorized by his Government to transmit them to the President. He is believed to have received them in a secret document from Capt. Koenig of the submarine Delitschland when Another Dobrudia Town Falls he called upon the skipper after his last voyage into New London.

From a source close to the German Embassy, which has accurately forecast every one of Germany's peace moves, it was learned to-day that the return of all her colonies.

rould have the peace conference first | ment. discuss and settle the question of The official statement reads. a tentative peace treaty. Then the doors of the conference might be thrown open to all neutrals for a frank discussion of the question of international disarmament, a reduction of armaments or a league to enforce reach the commanded by infantry General A small number through the commanded by a small number through the comm

secret because she believes the radical behind the other. Fourteen hundred elements in every one of the fourteen warring nations would balk attempts at peace if concessions are made and published. She believes if the terms are made public and discussed by the Army von Mackensen's Haverian and citizens of Germany and other belligerents, there would be no hope for peace.

#### CRAZED MAN SHOOTS **DOCTOR: THEN BARRICADES**

Police Attack Him, but Fail to Dis- ment No. 148 gained distinct lodge Him From House to Which He Fled.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 29.-George Gantz, a delirious patient, shot Dr. George H. Hocking four times this afternoon. Gantz, still brandishing the revolver, rushed from the stairway of his home and harrigaded himself in a room from

the scene and sought to pacify her brother. He responded with a threat to kill her and flourished his pistol, but before he could shoot. Police Sergeant Ritter fired and Gantz withdrew from the window.

In an attempt to draw his fire the

police then began shooting at the rear of the house. They were hopeful that his supply of ammunition was limited and that they could induce him to exhaust it. He was still holding out at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Gantz is widely known in the in-surance business, is a Harvard grad-uate and recently has devoted much time to scientific research.

#### U-BOAT AND MINE VICTIMS.

Two More Steamships Sunk by Tor-

New York Nov. 25 for Calair, struck in the art of mystery and conceat-a mine off the English coast and was ment."

in the art of mystery and conceara mine off the English coast and was
towed into Swansea Dec. 24, according to a report received to-day at the
State Department from Vice Consul
Velverton at Swansea. The report
also said the French schooner St.
Louis had struck a mine on Dec. 25
and sunk with the loss of three men.

Tale Student Secretly Married at
White Plains.

CHICAGO. Dec. 22.—Chicago's
younger set to-day took a second look
at engagement announcements received Sept. 12 when they learned
that Miss Lois Hell and John E.
Thompson if, were secretly married
June 22 at White Plains, N. Y. Young
Thompson, son of the owner of a nution-wide chain of restaurants, was
married just after finishing his third
year at Yale.

8,506 Canadians Permanently UnfitOTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 29.—The total
of Canadian soldiers who have returned
from the front medically unfit is 8,595,
according to a militia department stateBeause of its united and lastics effect. Lazure

in the art of mystery and conceanment."

"I am at a loss to account for the
secret qoves being made by the Administration," said Senator Weeks.

"After a step is taken the people are
compelled to support the President
even though they may have different
opinions concerning the matter."

"The President formerly conferred
with the Committee on Foreign Relations on matters of this character, 'said Senator Sutheriand. 'He is not
obliged to confer with any one, but
areater results could be obtained by
the old method, I am sure."

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from the front medically unfit is \$,595, according to a militia department state. Because of its ionic and largitz effect, Lazatic ment. Of these, 1,640 have been twounded, gassed or are suffering from anell shock.

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# THROUGHROUMANIA **SMASHES BARRIERS**

to Mackensen-2,800 More Prisoners.

BEILLIN (via wireless to Sayville), territorial integrity of Germany and Dec. 23,-Victorious progress of the her alifes will be demanded by the Toutonic troops in Roumania, Doeral persons were slightly injured. Two Central Powers, and this will include brudja and Transylvania, attended by large captures of Russians and their If Germany can secure her way, she guns, was detailed in to-day's state-

territorial readjustment and frame up . "The southern wing of the army

force peace.

Germany desires to keep the terms fighting several positions lying one secret because she believes the radical behind the other. Fourteen hundred

Turkey's rep!, to President Wilson's peace.

Turkey's rep!, to President Wilson's peace note was received to-day at the State Department. It is substantially the same as Germany's and Austria's.

"The right wing of the army address the street will be supplied to the street will

ranced northeastward between the Rimnik sector and the course of the Buzeu, captured several tenaciously defended villages and gave the retreating Russians no time to settle themselves in the prepared position in the lakes sector. In these engagements West Prussian Infantry Regi-

28 number 1,400 Russians, and the booty three cannon and several ma-

barricaded himself in a room, from which he opened fire on the police.

Mrs. Skipworth Gordon Gatchell, one of Gantzz's sisters, appeared on the engagement slackened. In the battle continued until evening, when the engagement slackened. In the sector of Rimnik Sarat and Boldu all the attacks of the invaders were repulsed by the Russians.

#### REPUBLICANS OPPOSE "SECRET" DIPLOMACY

Three United States Senators Criticise the Course of President Wilson.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. - Three United States Senators-Poindexter of Washington, Weeks of Massachusetts and Sutherland of Utah, all Republicans-to-day denounced the repedoca-Two Are Mined. LONDON, Dec. 29.—The British cent handling of international affairs

steamship Copsewood, 509 ions gross, as a reversion to secret diplomacy. The Norwegian steamship lds, 1,300 cmt Administration has declared itself ons, is reported to have been suns.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The Britsh tank steamer Paul Paix, which left ever, it has shown itself a past master

#### OF THE MONEY SAVERS GIRL IS BLINDED 3,400,000 JOIN RANKS GERMANS PIERCE THIRD FRENCH LINE

Thrift Campaign Explained by Secretary of Bankers' Association

Milton W. Harrison, secretary of he savings bank section of the American Bankers' Association, to-day explained the national campaign of the Take 222 Prisoners and Hold association to gain millions of new savers of money this year. He quoted Dr. Eliot of Harvard as estimating \$5,303,000,000 was wasted in 1916 on intoxicating and soft drinks, tobacco, jewelry, automobiles, confectionery, BERLIN (via Sayville wireless), tea, coffee, millinery, patent medi-Dec. 29.-French first, second and cines and chewing gum.

The magical enonomic history of around the famous Dead Man's Hill the United States was to be traced and 222 prisoners taken in an assault reported by to-day's official state-ment.

The German soldiers held the new positions against several French residues and arrangements.

The German soldiers held the new prosperity and great wealth to thousands of others, he said. positions against several French

sands of others, he said.

"There has been an increase of approximately fifteen per cent, in the number of depositors this year," Mr. Harrison said, "or 2,400,000 new sayers, It means some waste is being eliminated. But there is plenty more to do in the thrift movement." counter-attacks, which were repeated

5,992 VOTES WERE CAST

State Board of Canvassers Completed Count To-Day-Wilson Lost State by 119,812.

ALBANY, Dec. 29.—The State

The official plurality of Charles E. Hughes over President Wilson in New York was 119,812. The vote stood: Hughes, 872,238; Wilson, out leaving their names. stood: 11:

chine guns, were brought back.

"Several French counter-attacks upon the captured trenches, which also were repeated during the night, were repuised.

"Several prisoners were brought back by brave soldiers from Wuerttemberg and Baden from hostile positions in the Cheppy Wood and Malancourt"

PARIS, Dec. 29.—A sudden German offensive, following a violent bombardment, between Hill 304 and Dead Man's Hill, which failed owing to a soldier of New Year's Day. before Jan. t.

The Governor will take the eath of office on New Year's Day. Man's Hill, which failed owing to a French screen of infantry and ma-

Woodrow Wilson, Denver Babs, Win First Prize in Contest, DENVER, Colo., Dec. 29.—Woodrow Wilson, aged seventeen and one-half months, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wilson of Denver, won first orize and courage of mankind. There is with a perfect score of 100 per cent, no need to arrive that persons who are with a perfect score of 100 per cent. no need to argue that persons who in the "Better Babies" contest now on in the "Better Babies" contest now on in a state of homicidal emotion are OTTAWA. Ont. Dec. 29.—By a recent order in council, made public to-day, the Minister of Naval Service of the Admiralty.

In a state of homicidal emotion are made of the color may requisition any Canadian ship for the service of the Admiralty.

In a state of homicidal emotion are merely manifesting the appearance of dreds of babies ranging in age from six months to five years were entered in the contest.

# IN WRECK OF AUTO:

Sister Also Injured and Youth hibtion. No human society can be in Whose Car They Were Has Thigh Broken.

PASSAIC, N. J., Dec. 29.-Three persons are in St. Mary's Hospital as the result of an automobile accident at midnight.

Rose Resnick, seventeen years old of No. 209 Fulton Street, has a frac tured skull and it is believed wi lose the sight of both eyes. Minnie Resnick, sixteen years old, sister of Rose, has minor bruises about the body. Harry Denner of Carlstadt, N. J., sustained a fractured thigh and bruises about the body.

The two girls left their home la night telling their mother they were going for a walk. Nothing more was heard from them until after midnight, when Minnie telephoned saying she and her sister had been in an auto-BY NEW YORK SOLDIERS nobile accident and that she was no hadly hurt. According to the story told by

Minnie, they were on Washington Avenue, Belleville, near Newark. when their machine was racing abreast of another. This car skidded, and in trying to avoid a collision Board of Canvassers to-day concluded Denner lost control of his machine the canvass of the soldiers' votes, and ran into a tree. The machine which added 5,992 votes to the State's was wrecked. There was another man with the party, but he escaped.

The occupants of the first machinstopped and brought the injured to the hospital, then disappeared with

#### WAR BIOLOGICALLY WRONG, SAYS ROCKEFELLER AIDE

QUANTIT Not Necessary to Preserve the Virility and Courage of Mankind, Declares Dr. Loeb.

Dr. Jacques Loop of the Department f Experimental Biology of the Rocke eller Institute to-day rend a paper on

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